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Meeting on Statistics of Household Income
(Geneva, 14-17 March 1994)

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

The meeting will be held at the Palais des Nations, starting on 14 March at 10 a.m.

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Election of officers
3. Preparation of regional guidelines on statistics of the distribution of income, consumption and accumulation of households
4. Elaboration of conceptual foundations for statistics of poverty and other socio-economic statistics
5. Development of equivalence scales for use in international comparisons
6. Reconciliation of household income statistics obtained from different sources
7. Selection of methods for compiling household income statistics in varying contexts
8. Preservation of confidentiality of individual data, when administrative records and surveys are used in combination for the production of household income statistics
9. Estimation of household income for small areas
10. Socio-economic accounting
11. Future work
12. Other business
13. Adoption of the conclusions of the meeting

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Notes on substantive items of the agenda

The Meeting on Statistics of Household Income is convened pursuant to the decision of the Conference of European Statisticians taken at its forty-first plenary session in June 1993 (see the report of the session, ECE/CES/43, Annex III and CES/788/Rev.1, programme element 3.3.9).

Item 3: Preparation of regional guidelines on statistics of the distribution of income, consumption and accumulation of households

The consideration of this item will be based on a paper explaining Eurostat work in developing income statistics in European Community countries (CES/AC.70/2). The meeting will discuss ways of advancing work on the preparation of regional guidelines.

Item 4: Elaboration of conceptual foundations for statistics of poverty and other socio-economic statistics

A document (CES/AC.70/4) describing Eurostat work in statistics of poverty will be presented for the consideration of the meeting. A paper on poverty statistics in Georgia (CES/AC.70/5) will also be submitted for discussion. Advice will be required from the meeting on steps in developing work in this area.

Item 5: Development of equivalence scales for use in international comparisons

The discussion under this item will be based on a paper from the Netherlands (CES/AC.70/7) on empirical ways of constructing equivalence scales.

Item 6: Reconciliation of household income statistics obtained from different sources

A note on national practices in the use of sources in household income statistics (document CES/AC.70/8), compiled by the secretariat from country replies to the secretariat's inquiry on national practices in this area, will serve as a background for the discussion of this item. Problems of reconciliation of personal income and money income within the context of the United States Bureau of Economic Analysis move to the UN SNA will be discussed in document CES/AC.70/9. Approaches used in Sweden to reconcile household income statistics obtained from different sources will be explained in document CES/AC.70/10. Sources of household income statistics in France will be described in document CES/AC.70/6. Recent changes in the compilation of household income statistics in Hungary will be presented in document CES/AC.70/11.

Item 7: Selection of methods for compiling household income statistics in varying contexts

A paper summarizing the household income statistics programme at the United States Bureau of the census (CES/AC.70/12) will be presented under this item. The meeting will also have before it a paper from the Russian Federation describing sources of data used by the State statistical service in Russia to determine household incomes (CES/AC.70/14). Two other papers, one from Armenia (CES/AC.70/15) and the other from Cyprus (CES/AC.70/13), will describe national approaches to the selection of methods for compiling household income statistics in varying contexts.

Item 8: Preservation of confidentiality of individual data, when administrative records and surveys are used in combination for the production of household income statistics

No papers for consideration under this item have been received by the secretariat at the time of writing. Participants are expected to discuss this item on the basis of oral reports.

Item 9: Estimation of household income for small areas

Under this item the meeting will have before it a paper on state, metropolitan area, and county income estimation in the United States (CES/AC.70/16). Participants are expected to contribute orally to the discussion of ways of estimating household income for small areas.

Item 10: Socio-economic accounting

No papers for consideration under this item have been received by the secretariat at the time of writing. Participants are expected to discuss this item on the basis of oral reports.

Item 11: Future work

Under this item participants are expected to make proposals for future work of the Conference of European Statisticians in the field of household income statistics. The secretariat will submit proposals on the basis of discussion as the meeting proceeds.